



Judy Adams, center, a patient at the Rockcastle Respiratory Care Center from Nicholasville, was recently honored with the designation as Kentucky Colonel. The certificate was presented by John Keith, right, of Corbin, who told Adams he had been an inspiration to him while his wife (Keith's) has been hospitalized at Rockcastle. Also in the photo are Adam's Aunt and Uncle, Calvin and Maggie Shockley of Stuart, VA. Adams has been a patient at Rockcastle since August of 1997 and suffers from Muscular Dystrophy.

\$54,000 grant will help cleanup dumps

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers has announced that two projects in Rockcastle County have been awarded a total of \$54,400 for cleanup activities associated with the Kentucky PRIDE program.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the Kiwanis Club, the Rockcastle PRIDE Committee and the Board of Education, have won a joint PRIDE grant of \$50,000 for community cleanup efforts at 23 illegal dumps. Dump sites at the following locations will be targeted in the effort: SR 490, Burr Hill, Chestnut Ridge, Possum Kingdom, Piney Branch, SR 1249, Boone Cromer Road, U.S. 150, Buckeye Church Road, Hummel Road, U.S. 25, Ford Hollow Road, Mullins Station Road, Jarber Road, Dudley Station Tunnel, Northern Road, Maret Cemetery Road, Jamie Kirby Road, Marker Hollow Road, Price Branch Road, Miller Cemetery, Basil Moore Road and Metal of Honor Road.

The City of Mt. Vernon has won a \$4,000 PRIDE grant for continued efforts to clean garbage and debris

from the shoreline of Lake Linville. The funding is being provided through a competitive grant program offered by the PRIDE office, using federal funds secured for the PRIDE program by Congressman Rogers. More than \$6 million in PRIDE community and education grants have been distributed through the 40-county PRIDE region since the program began in 1997.

"These grants provide a helping hand to communities who need assistance in meeting the challenges of this massive cleanup effort," Rogers said today. "This work is vital to our continued efforts to build our economy, create new jobs and promote tourism. By cleaning up illegal dumps, removing trash from our roadsides, and restoring our streams and rivers, we're sending a clear message that our home is a great place to live; to visit and to do business. These grants are critical to the ongoing success of this important program."

Kentucky PRIDE—Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment—was created in 1997 by Con-

gressman Rogers and Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Jim Bickford. PRIDE is a comprehensive, region-wide effort that links local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's rivers and streams of garbage and sewage, to end illegal trash

dumps and promote environmental educational and awareness, while renewing citizen pride in eastern and southern Kentucky.

For more information about local PRIDE activities, contact Rockcastle County PRIDE coordinator Don Coyle at 758-0179.

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Pensol speaks at D.C. Arts Conference

Last Friday, H. Allen Pensol, Basic Arts Coordinator for Rockcastle County Schools spoke at the Arts Education Partnership Conference in Washington, D.C. Pensol had been asked to deliver an update on the challenges and successes in building a strong arts education district and was representing Rockcastle County Schools which was profiled in the groundbreaking 1998 study "Gaining The Arts Advantage: Lessons From School Districts The Value Arts Education."

The conference, held at the National Education Association headquarters, provided an important and timely opportunity for updating and expanding on the findings of the original report which reveals the success strategies of 91 school districts in 42 states.

Produced by the Arts Education Partnership and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, the report was released by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in March 1999.

Addressing the topic "Are We Still Gaining the Arts Advantage?", Pensol included comments on sustaining Rockcastle's commitment to arts education for all students, the impact of evaluating arts education, are financial resources increasing or decreasing and the most challenging factor in arts instruction.

The agenda included a welcome

by Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association, five breakout sessions focused on the school district's learnings and an afternoon panel discussion on arts education moderated by Bill Press of CNN's "Crossfire," with closing remarks by Richard J. Desay, director of the Arts Education Partnership.

A report of the conference will be related later this fall by the Arts Education Partnership in cooperation with the President's Committee, the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education.

According to Pensol, "For Rockcastle County Schools to be counted among the leaders in arts education at a national level is very exciting. When you think of the size of other districts cited in the report, such as Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles County, and Fairfax County, Virginia, Rockcastle County stands out as an example of what any school district can do with the complete support of the school board, administrators, principals, teachers, student and community. I guess when it comes to arts education in Rockcastle County, the phrase 'Just do it' says it all."

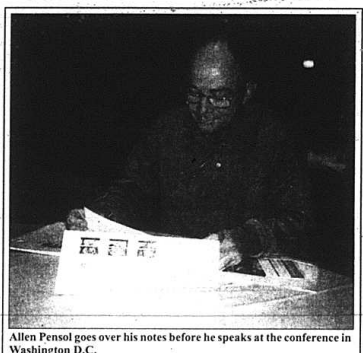
Fiddler's Festival at Renfro begins October 27th

Not all the best in country, mountain and bluegrass music is to be found on the radio airwaves. Some of the best is still being heard on front porches, in living rooms and local community events. This is especially true of fiddle players. While most every country band worth its mettle boasts a skilled fiddle player, there are still plenty of masterful musicians who simply pick up their fiddles for the love of playing for family and friends.

On October 27, 28 & 29, Jim

Gaskin invites fiddlers from both sides of the fence - professional and amateur - to join him for a weekend celebration of fiddling at Kentucky's Country Music Capital, Renfro Valley. For three days and nights, the Renfro Valley stage will be filled with fiddlers from all walks of life, from all parts of the country, and of all ages, brought together by a common bond - their love for the fiddle. It's hard to tell who's having more fun, the participants or the audience. Old standards and country classics come to life under the masterful bows of scores of fiddlers. The music gets underway at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, and continues on into the night. The fiddlers return on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and fiddle until 4:00 p.m. and again on Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Friday and Sunday sessions are \$8.00 plus tax and Sunday session tickets are \$10.00 plus tax. A weekend pass for all three sessions is \$21.00.



Allen Pensol goes over his notes before he speaks at the conference in Washington D.C.

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